

UK Wandering Network (UKWN)
Workshop 07.10.05 in Belfast
Practitioners Claims Concerns and Issues on Wandering

Claims	Concerns	Issues
Evidence of individualised care	Safety aspects	How do I balance autonomy and risk in my care setting?
A positive thing to do	Risk management	How do I know when a person with dementia is wandering?
Gives good exercise when facilitated and in a supportive environment	Exhaustion	How can we make environments more suitable for wandering?
Has a purpose	Malnutrition	How can we make sure staff have the knowledge and skills to care for people who wander?
Can have a purpose a lot of the time	Impact on carers and families	How can we support staff who care for people who wander?
A recognised behaviour	Increased accident and incidents conflicts with governance systems	How can we promote a more cohesive approach between settings?
Part of person-centred care	Lack of knowledge in staff	Do some care providers communicate the needs of people who wander better than others?
A normal activity	Not knowing if we do enough for the person	How do we de stigmatise wandering?
Has potential to challenge others to look in more depth at the person as a whole	Knee jerk reactions to wandering	How do we prevent the move from labelling to 'demonising' wandering?
Assertion of self	Conflict within families over care – different sets of values	How do we know we're doing enough for the person who wanders?
Reduces risks of pressure sores	Introducing care services	How do we address the needs of families and carers?
A form of communication	Lack of a cohesive approach	How do I balance the needs of the person who wanders with the needs of other patients?
	Knowledge transfer across services	How do we balance space protection of other people with the need of the person who explores that same space?
	Legal directives arising from incident investigations	How do we change mindsets of care givers that wandering isn't a tragedy and can be managed without moving the person on ?
	Impact on other patients in ward settings	How do we influence the way in which wandering and it's consequences is portrayed in the media and public mind?